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SUBJECT.

Police escort for mails between Mariguddighat and Molallamuru.

4) To The J.A. Resident
Pol 1019 of 8/4/16
states that every endeavour will be made for the maintenance of the safety of the roads for ordinary traffic.

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FILE HEADING.

Police escort for mails between Manipur and Molakalmuru.

From

The A. A. Resident

No. 1197 Dated 18.2.16 Received 19.2.16

Diary No. 1216 Enclos. 1 Spare Copies. .. Serial No. 1

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

Requests to be favoured with the views of the Durbar in the matter of providing police escorts to mails between Manipur and Molakalmuru.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

1) The office has not been able to trace any precedents except the one put up relating to the escort of mail further ~~from~~ between Bommapet and Kolar. There is no information as to the strength of

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2. P.d. 116, 1926 d. 116 of 04-4.

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the escort required in the present case, the means by which mails are being transmitted between the two places, and as to who is to bear the cost of the escort and as to how far the police are to be responsible for the safety of the mail bags.

2) Subd. for orders with a draft calling for the views of the I.G.P. in the matter.

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2 To The I.G. of Police

No. J 3445 dt 22-2-1916

Calls for his views in the matter of providing Police escorts to mails between Ramagundigbat & Nalakalmure

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3. From the I.G. of Police No. 4775/6165 J. 7 March 16.

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States that the postal cart & runners are not entitled to as much protection as other lawful users of highways, that it is not duty of the Police Deptt. to make special arrangements & that if any is required. the Postal Deptt should make it; invites reference to correspondence of 1902-05; & adds that for reasons given, it is hazardous for the Police to take charge of

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of the mails

4) The Post-Master General, Madras, says that the British Indian Police Deptt. has provided escort within their jurisdiction & he probably infers that similar arrangements ought to be made by the Police of Mysore. It may perhaps be noted that the servants of the Postal Deptt. are employed by the Imperial Govt. and they have therefore good grounds to make special arrangements. In Mysore, the Postal Deptt. seems, at best, to be a corporation enjoying the monopoly of carrying letters and its profits do not ensure to the benefit of the Mysore State; this appears to be another reason why no extra protection need be given. Submit for orders.

16.3.16) [illegible]

5) Please prepare a draft on the lines that are noted on 13.2.1904, and inviting the attention of the Resident to that Correspondence, the Durbar can do no more than keep the roads safe for ordinary traffic

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6) Subd. with a draft.

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Dist. Member

7) I do not like the reference to an old Police Supt's letter. Please make the draft a little more explicit & self contained.

8) The matter of the reply is all right.

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9) Redrafted

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10) Draft revised & resubd.

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11) Put up a clean draft

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12) Clean draft subd.

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13) Draft approved by the Pol Member

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4	To the B. A. Resident No Pol 1019 (16) Issue 8-4-1916
	Invites reference to the correspondence ending with Office letter no 1634 D.F. 4 of 02-03 by 13th Feb: 1904 and states that the Durbar consider that the responsibility for making arrangement for the safe passage of mails is one which rests with Postal Deptt etc.

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Copy of letter No.S.F.27, dated the 14th February 1916, from the Post Master General, Madras Circle, to the First Assistant -- Resident in Mysore, Bangalore.

I have the honour to say that the Superintendent of the Post Offices, Shimoga Division, reports that, owing to the presence of dacoits on the road between Molkalmuru and Rayadrug, he applied to the Superintendent of Police, Bellary District, for police -- escort between Rayadrug and Marigudighat (boundary of Mysore -- Province) and that his request was complied with. He made a similar request to the Superintendent of Police, Chitaldroog District, for Police escort between Marigudighat and Molkalmuru and received a reply to the effect that the escort asked for could not be furnished vide copy of his letter enclosed.

2. As the safety of the mails travelling on the line between --- Marigudighat and Molkalmuru is endangered by the presence of --- dacoits, I request that you will kindly address the Mysore Durbar on the subject, with a view to the required Police escort being furnished at an early date.

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Mysore Resident's Office,
Bangalore, 18th February 1916.

A copy of the foregoing letter, with enclosure, is forwarded to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore with the request that, the Resident may be favoured at an early date with the views of the Durbar in the matter.

First Assistant Resident.

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Copy of communication, No.393, dated the 16th November 1915, from the Superintendent of Police, Chitaldroog District, to the Superintendent of Post Offices, Shimoga Division.

Encl to Pol 146 15

In reply to your letter, No.4896, dated F1-16, dated 26th July 1915, and in continuation of my letter, No.336, dated 18th October 1915, anent escort of mails by the Police, I have the honour to inform you that the Inspector-General of Police in -- Mysore orders that the Police are unable to furnish an escort as requested.

Copy.

Registrar
Residents' Office.

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Letter no. S.F. 27 B/14.2.16 from the Post Master General, Madras circle, to the first Asst. Resident in Mysore, Bangalore

Memo. No. J 3445-D/ 22nd Feb.y 1916.

Enclosure.

Copy of the above is forwarded to the I.G. of Police in Mysore with the request that Govt. may be favoured with his views in the matter at a very early date.

By Order

for Secretary to Govt.
Pol. Dept.

21.2.16.

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No. 4775 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR-GENERAL OF POLICE IN MYSORE,

Encl. 615

Dated Bangalore, 7th Mar *191* 6.

From

Diwan Bahadur C. SRIKANTESVARA AIYAR, B.A., B.L.,
Inspector-General of Police in Mysore.

DIARY No. J 2456

To

D. M. NARASINGA RAO, ESQ., B.A., B.L.,
~~Officiating~~ Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Department.

Sir,

With reference to your memo No.J.3445/Pol.146-15-2 dated 22nd February 1916 forwarding copy of letter No. S.F.27 dated 14-2-1916 from the Post Master General, Madras Circle, to the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore, and calling for my views in the matter of furnishing Police escort to the Mail between Marigudighat and Molakalmuru in the Chitaldrug District, I have the honor to state that the duties of the Police in seeing the roads rendered fairly safe are well defined and clear and the Postal carts and runners are entitled to and do receive the same amount of Police protection as all who lawfully use the roads; and the Police can do nothing more than to have the roads properly patrolled to keep them safe for ordinary traffic. It is for the Postal Department, like every other user of the highway to make its own special arrangements if any, by way of suitable care takers &c for the safe transport of its mails.

2. This matter formed the subject of long correspondence between the years 1902 and 1905 ending with your letter No.J.2192/Pol.116-2 dated 2nd February 1905, and regarding the deputation of an armed constable to escort the mail

From

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The Inspector-General of Police
in Mysore.

To

The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
General Dept.

Dated
Despatched } 7-3-1916
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General No. 4775/615
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Re the Police escort to the Mail between Meanguphat & Mallahinn

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carriages from Kolar to Bowringpet. It would seem from the First Assistant Resident's letter No.399 dated 24th January 1905(Copy enclosed for ready reference) to Government, that the views of the Government in the matter of mail escorts were communicated to the Post Master General, Madras, who was presumed not to have been prepared for any further action in the matter.

3. Since then, with every change of new officials, local or otherwise, similar requisitions for escorts, mostly from local officials(now of Bangalore Division, then of Mysore Division and lately of Shimoga Division &c), have been made with similar enunciation of principle and replies, with no further correspondence thereafter.

4. The Department have declined to provide for free accommodation in the Jatkas to the constables; further the mails in various places are not accompanied by any responsible person of the Postal Department, but are merely transported in Jatkas driven by irresponsible drivers and carrying more often than not, passengers of all shades of characters; and in the absence of Departmental caretakers, it would be most hazardous to the Police to take charge of the mails on their sole responsibility to take care of property as it were, for, it is easily conceivable how all or any of the passengers and the driver may themselves combine and commit offences or manoeuvre the same, overpowering a single constable who can be of no match to them.

5. Moreover, Government Treasure and property, if properly to be escorted, has to be furnished with armed forces of sufficient strength, on prescribed scales. A single constable armed with a gun or a revolver and seated in a Jutka under the circumstances stated above would more be productive of danger or harm than good.

6. I therefore consider that escort of mail jatkas by a single constable is not a suitable or proper function of the Police, who will however do all in their power to render the highways as safe as practicable.

I have the honor to be,

sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Inspector General of Police.

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Letter No.399 dated the 24th January 1905 from the First Assistant to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore to the Dewan of Mysore.

Encl to Pol 146-15-3

"In reply to Mr. Venkatavaradiengar's letter No. Pol.583 dated the 12th January 1905, I am directed to say that a copy of Durbar's letter No.1634/J.F.4 of 1902 dated the 13th February 1904, which contained their views in regard to the deputation of an armed constable to escort the mail carriage from Kolar to Bowringpet, was communicated to the Post-Master General, Madras, and that no reply having been received from him it is presumed that he is not prepared to take any further action in the matter".

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Inspector General of Police.

Escort of mails between Manipur Kot & Molakalmuru Police

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No. Pol 1019

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To

The F. A. Resident

Sir,

According to your endorsement no. 1197 dated the 18th February 1916 in the matter of providing a police escort for the mails passing between Manipur Kot and Molakalmuru, I am directed to invite reference to the correspondence ending with this office letter no. 1634-J.E. 4702-a dated the 13th February 1916 in connection with a similar requisition with regard to the mails

over.

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Date of issue 8. 4. 16.

Signed by [illegible] Rao.

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passing between Bowringpet & Kolar and to state that the Durbar consider that the responsibility for making special arrangements for the safe passage of mails between two stations is one which rests with the Postal Dept. As observed in the 1st para of the said letter the postal carts & runners are entitled to and receive as much police protection as others who lawfully use the roads in the State. All that, therefore, may be reasonably be expected of the Durbar in the matter is the maintenance of the safety of the roads for ordinary traffic & I am to assure you that every endeavour will be made to secure this end.

I have &c.

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For Secy. to Govt. of Dept.

31/3/16

No. J 4056 dt 8/4/1916.

Copy to the I. G. of Police in Mysore with reference to his letter no. 4775-615 dt 7.3.16.

By Order

For Secretary

List of enclosures,

Copied by

Examined by

8.4.16.

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28.3.16.